



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : **Confirmation No. 3781**
Eiichi ISHII et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1290
Serial No. 10/659,327 : Group Art Unit 1742
Filed September 11, 2003 : Examiner Harry Wilkins, III
METHOD OF SURFACE : **Mail Stop AF**
TREATMENT OF TITANIUM METAL

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 11, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1742